

Maintenance of old oil wells

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that expenses have been made and repair by ONGC and Indian Oil Corporation for maintenance of old oil wells during the years, 2004-05, 2005-06 and within six months of 2006-07;

(b) if so, the details of areas where expenses have been made by these companies and the details of the amount spent, area-wise; and

(c) the estimates of oil production from these areas in 2006-07 and to what extent this quantity is greater than that of the last year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHAJ. PATEL) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details regarding expenditure incurred by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) and Oil India Limited (OIL) for repair/workover of sick oil wells in their operational areas are given in the enclosed Statement (See below).

(c) The oil production by ONGC and OIL during 2006-2007 is estimated to be higher than the actual production during the previous year 2005-06. The details are as follow:

(in million metric tonne)

Oil Co.	2005-06 (Actual)	2006-07 (BE)
ONGC	24.40	27.35
OIL	3.24	3.55

Statement

Details of expenditure incurred on maintenance of old oil wells

(Rs. in crores)

(i) Expenditure incurred by ONGC for repair/workover of sick wells

Area	2004-05	2005-06	Half Year 2006-07
1	2	3	4
Offshore			
Mumbai Offshore	1,088.07	953.64	400.27
KG Offshore			0.17
Total Offshore	1,088.07	953.64	400.44

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Onshore			
Ahmedabad (Gujarat)	42.88	35.02	14.07
Ankleshwar (Gujarat)	69.95	66.37	38.71
Mehsana (Gujarat)	62.28	50.79	20.85
Cambay (Gujarat)	2.65	2.50	0.49
Total Western	177.77	154.68	74.12
Onshore			
Sibsagar (Assam)	110.43	96.58	46.36
DVP Johrat (Assam)	2.69	5.42	2.86
Silchar (Assam)	0.01	0.02	-
Agartala (Tripura)	3.51	5.32	2.91
Total Eastern	116.64	107.34	52.12
Onshore			
Cauvery Onshore (Tamil Nadu)	10.89	9.45	5.23
KG Onshore (Andhra Pradesh)	10.54	9.49	7.96
Total Southern	21.43	18.94	13.20
Onshore			
Total ONGC	315.84	280.96	139.44
Onshore			
Joint Ventures			
Panna Mukta	-	1.36	0.11
Rawa	1.60	-	-
CB-OS-2	-	3.58	0.37
Total Joint Venture	1.60	4.94	0.48
Total ONGC	1,405.52	1,239.55	540.37

(ii) Expenditure incurred by OIL for repair/workover of sick wells:

Area	2004-05	2005-06	(Rs. in crores)	
			Half Year	2006-07
Assam	90.73	87.69	44.80	
Arunachal Pradesh	2.59	1.45		
TOTAL:	93.32	89.14		44.80

Oil blocks allotted to ONGC

**†2978. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:**

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that ONGC was allotted 47 oil blocks in the previous year;
- (b) if not, the number thereof;
- (c) whether the company spent Rs. 11,421/- crores for exploration and production related activities in these blocks;
- (d) if not, the details in this regard; and
- (e) the quantity of oil estimated to be produced annually from these oil blocks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHAJ. PATEL): (a) and (b) Government of India awarded 50 exploration blocks to ONGC as operator under five rounds of NELP held so far. Out of these, five blocks have been relinquished by ONGC. Besides, ONGC has acquired one more block in deep water from M/s Cairn Energy India Pty. Ltd., allocated under first round of NELP.

(c) and (d) Expenditure incurred by ONGC in above NELP exploration blocks so far as on 1.4.2006 is about Rs. 3012.70 crores. The total Plan Expenditure of ONGC for the year 2005-06 on Survey, Drilling, Capital Expenditure, R&D and Integration Projects was Rs. 11,421.04 crores.

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